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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill prohibits a person driving under an instruction permit or a probationary license from operating a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunications device (cellular phone), except to report an emergency. This prohibition applies regardless of whether the cellular phone is handheld, installed in the vehicle, or otherwise situated, and regardless of whether use of the cellular phone interferes with operation of the vehicle. Penalties are created for violations. The bill also requires driver education courses to provide instruction relating to the general prohibition on persons driving under an instruction permit or a probationary license from operating a motor vehicle while using a cellular phone and relating to the safe use of cellular phones while operating a motor vehicle by other drivers.

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) would notify drivers education instructors of the change in the law, and their responsibility to include the instruction required by it in driver education courses. DPI would need to incorporate information on the prohibition of cell phone use for persons driving under an instruction permit or a probationary license into any future relevant curriculum resources, as well as information relating to the safe use of cellular phones while operating a motor vehicle by other drivers. It is assumed that the cost of both of these tasks would be small enough so it could be absorbed by the department.

DPI does not collect data on the cost local districts assume in providing individual instructional components of driver education courses, so the local fiscal effect of this bill is indeterminate. It is assumed that the cost of providing the instruction required by this bill would be small enough so it could be absorbed by local school districts.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications